

Vision Report

We have issued an RFQ to find a local architect to partner with us to develop our vision our roadmap forward, all leading toward a major improvement project in 2019. We will interview our top firms on August 1 and hopefully will be prepared to announce our selection soon afterward. Our selected firms to interview are:

- Fanning Howey
- KrM
- RATIO
- Schmidt Associates

Branch Library

After reviewing quotes from three firms, we have decided to partner with Rowland & Associates to help us design our new branch location. We think elements of the space will incorporate the following scope:

- Our branch will serve as a pick-up location for materials ordered from the main library. The collection will be a small popular collection and likely require a third of the available space. Shelving will be relatively low to allow unobstructed vision.
- The branch will be a destination. It will have shelving and furniture that is as flexible as possible to allow for easy rearrangement. The branch will be comfortable and it should be unique and unexpected. It should feel modern.
- The space will have a variety of seating types, some unorthodox.
- Wi-Fi will be available.
- Lighting will play a large part in the redesign and the front windows will allow for a large opportunity to exploit natural lighting.
- A children's area will be incorporated. Flexible space will allow for story times.
- Zing Café will operate in the space. Merchandise will be brought to the library from Zing's current location in the Village.
- The patio will be a nice feature of the library. The sun will need to be controlled.
- The two current restrooms will be reused and will be given non-gender specific identity.
- Computers will be available for catalog searches.
- Mobile devices may be available for check out use in the library.
- The branch will be staffed with 2 employees at any given time. Their workstation on the library floor could be modular.
- The exterior book depository will need to be explored further. It should be located in the front of the building for easy access. An in-building drop-off would be ideal.
- Self-check-out machines will be utilized.

- The idea of a partial mezzanine was discussed and will be explored. Code review will be required.

We anticipate a resolution will go before the Carmel Council within the next month or two to approve the issuance of a small bond not to exceed 1.4 million to cover the acquisition and improvements made to 12773 Horseferry Drive.

Summer Challenge Update

Christy Walker and Elizabeth Essink had a great Facebook live interview about summer reading and our Quest Lab with Carlos Diaz from WTHR on June 21. Watch the video here:

<https://www.facebook.com/WTHR13/videos/10156027028321144/>

Summer challenge has been going very well overall. Here are some statistics on Summer Challenge 2018:

- 7,753 Readers Enrolled in one of the following programs (as of July 19):
 - Summer Challenge 2018: Adventure A(ctivities & Reading) (Read tracked by minutes read/listened to): 5,100 participants
 - Summer Challenge 2018: Adventure B(ooks only) (Books at least 100+ pages): 2,653 participants

